



USF Senate Research Council

Meeting Minutes

March 24, 2024, 10:45 a.m. – 12:15 p.m.

3702 Spectrum Blvd., Ste. 165, Tampa, FL 33612
MS Teams

Attendance Council Members

Feng Chang, Elizabeth Hadley, Richard Heller, Matthew Johnson, James Leahy, Mark Luther, John Johnson, Xizhen Qin, David Simmons, Marilyn Stern, Uma Nair, Zafer Unal, Derek Wildman, Catherine Wilkins

Not Attended

Ganesh Halade, Taryn Sabia, Kristina Schmidt, Kersuze Simeon-Jones,

Invited Guests and Other Participants

Eddie Aikins, Norma Alcantar, Ross DeBose, John Johnson, Sandra Justice, Eric Kern, Jessie Kobiolka, Tina Lucas, Mark McLaughlin, Jason Ramage, Benjamin Shnitser, Karen Walker

1. **Call to Order** Dr. Heller called the meeting to order at 10:46 a.m.
2. **Approval of Minutes** The minutes from the meeting held on February 24, 2024, were reviewed. A motion to approve the minutes was made, seconded, and unanimously approved.
3. **Approval of Recommendations for Grants** The council discussed and approved the following:
 - Additional New Researcher Grants (NRG)
 - Faculty International Travel Grants (FITG) with an increased budget
4. **Outstanding Research Achievement Awards (ORAA) Recommendations** The council reviewed and discussed 40 ORAA nominations.
 - Recommended funding for nine nominations
 - Identified two additional nominations for funding if the budget allows
5. **Other Business** No additional items were discussed or recorded during this segment.

Adjournment: Having completed its agenda, the council adjourned at 12:20 p.m.